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Vatican Office Director for Disarmament Paolo Conversi noted July 12 the Holy See's strong support for the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI), as evidenced by the participation of the Papal Nunciature to Poland at the First Anniversary Meeting for the PSI in Krakow in May. Conversi accepted reftel points and said the Holy See hoped that the PSI would complement rather than duplicate UN non-proliferation efforts. He emphasized the Vatican's strong support for non-proliferation, and its interest in U.S. thinking leading up to the 2005 NPT Review Conference.

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